I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO MEET HIM, SO FIRST
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THAT'S IT FOR TODAY
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ATTENDANCE SLIPS
WE'LL TAKE OUR TIME AND TALK
JUMP
NATSUKI
?
AFTER THIS.
HEY.

WHAT IS THIS...
!
CAN YOU COME WITH ME TO MY CO-OP? I WANT TO GET MY TEXTBOOKS TOGETHER
HE WAS ACTING LIKE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON
UNTIL JUST NOW,
OF COURSE,
I'LL COME.
NO?

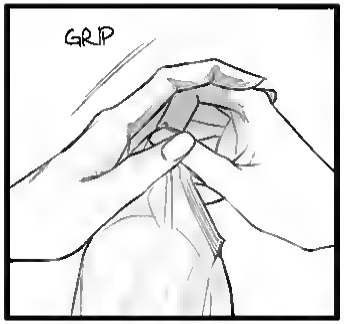
WE'RE BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY MY MOM'S RELATIVE
AND IT'S NOT "KUWAHARA" ANYMORE IT'S "KAJI".
MY MOM'S MAIDEN NAME
TO BE HONEST, THIS WASN'T THE REACTION I EXPECTED
HE'S ACTING AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED
IT'S LIKE WE WENT BACK TO BEFORE AND IT THROWS ME OFF BALANCE
FOR MATHEMATICS... WE GET POP QUIZZES, RIGHT?
SHOULD I BE DOING PRACTICE PROBLEMS?

NO,
THEY SAY QUIZ, BUT IT'S EASY SO YOU DON'T NEED THAT.
STEP
Anyway,
FWIP
I see.. Alright.
The assortment of food in this co-op is really nice!
Like this one

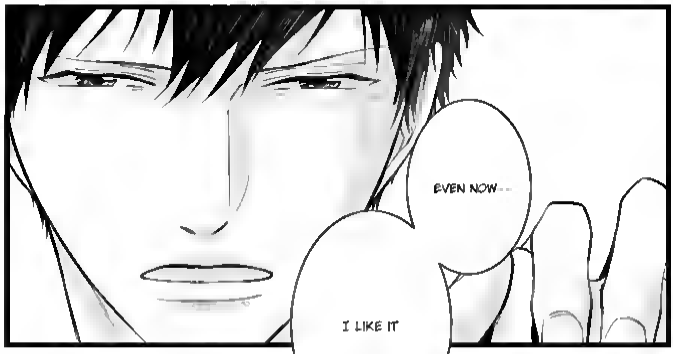
You like this, right?
Walnut anpan!

You said you don't like regular anpans

DID YOU... NOT LIKE IT?
IT THROWS ME OFF BALANCE..


GRIP

I LIKE IT.


EVEN NOW...
I LIKE IT

I...
HAVE TO GO.
NATSUKI!!
NATSUKI!
DON'T CALL OUT MY NAME,
SO DESPERATELY LIKE THAT...

I CAN'T
PRETEND LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED
THERE SHOULD BE SO MANY THINGS I WANT TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT
I NEED TO GET IT TOGETHER
IN THE END WE COULDN'T TALK ABOUT ANYTHING IMPORTANT

LIGHTLY DYED HAIR
WHITE SKIN
HE WAS A LITTLE TALLER...
BUT LOOKED A LOT THINNER OVERALL
WAS HE ALWAYS THAT BEAUTIFUL?
I WANT TO GRAB HIM...
CALM DOWN

AND TOUCH HIM
HOLD HIM
LIVING ALONE MUST BE NICE
YOU'RE PROBABLY BRINGING YOUR GIRLFRIEND OVER ALL THE TIME~
I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND TO BRING OVER

TO MY PLACE
WANNA COME SEE IT?
!
HUH...?
DO YOU WANNA COME?
OH...
THAT'S SURPRISING.
NO...
I'M ALRIGHT
MAYBE...
NEXT TIME
NATSUKI..

I DON'T PLAN ON GOING BACK TO BEING FRIENDS WITH YOU.
YOU SEEM TO WANT TO PRETEND NOTHING HAPPENED...
BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
LET'S-
SMACK

I'M SORRY...
!
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THINKING WE COULD GO BACK TO BEFORE THAT DAY...
I MISUNDER-STOOD...
!
I'M SORRY...!
NATSUKI!
WAIT!
SCREECH
NA-

SLAM
AN ACCI-DENT?!
CHATTER
It's an accident! A bike came running in!
CHATTER
There's someone on the ground! Call an ambulance!

"HE WAS HIT BY A TRUCK THAT MISSED THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS.!"
"HE WAS IMMEDIATELY CARRIED TO A HOSPITAL, BUT YOUR FATHER !"

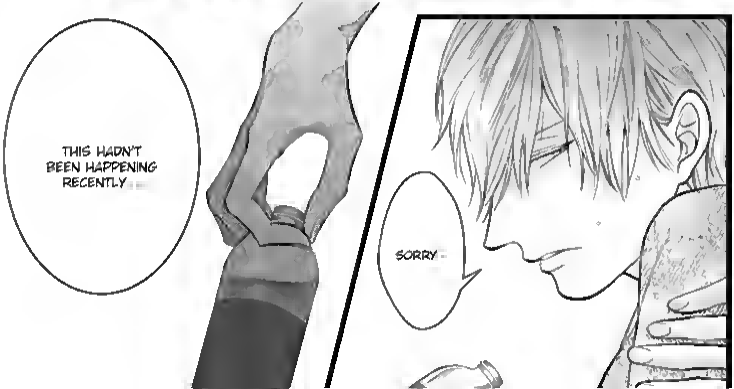
THAT'S GREAT.
HE LOOKS FINE.

OH.

NATSUKI!

THANKS
HERE

P.A.T.
LET'S REST FOR A BIT
NO ONE'S HERE


THIS HADN'T BEEN HAPPENING RECENTLY
SORRY

HE PASSED AWAY AFTER BEING HIT BY A TRUCK.
MY DAD...
ON HIS WAY BACK FROM BUYING CIGARETTES
NATSUKI-
BUT BEFORE HE LEFT, HE CAME TO TALK TO ME.
...NO.
JEEZ- YOU SURE GET COLD EASILY!
NO, IT'S COLD OUT.
I'M HEADING OUT TO BUY CIGARETTES. COME WITH ME
I'LL BUY YOU NIKUMAN~

AND THAT WAS IT
THEN WHEN IT GETS WARM, YOU BETTER COME WITH ME!
THEN AFTER A WHILE,
IT WAS PRETTY HARD
WHEN I SAW MY MOM OFF ON HER BUSINESS TRIPS
I'D REMEMBER MY DAD AND BREAK OUT IN A COLD SWEAT

squeeze
I'M SORRY FOR SAYING WEIRD THINGS.
I'M ALRIGHT NOW SO YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND-
I'M STAYING HERE.

JUST...
SMACK
Just go already!
If we're not friends, we're strangers!
Don't be nice to me!
YOU'RE WRONG-

I THOUGHT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACT NORMALLY.
AFTER REUNITING
TELL ME CLEARLY!
ABOUT WHAT?!
BUT YOU...
DIDN'T PLAN ON FORGIVING ME FROM THE START.
I...
THAT'S NOT TRUE

I LIKE YOU, NATSUKI!
I REALIZED AFTER YOU WERE GONE...
AND NOT AS A FRIEND.
SO...
DON'T...

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!
SMACK
...!
DO YOU KNOW...
IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT EASY!
YES YOU ARE!
I'm not fucking with you!

YUNI, DID NAKATSU -SENPAI REALLY CONFESS TO YOU?
YOU WERE RIGHT NEXT TO ME AND YOU NEVER EVEN NOTICED!
DO YOU KNOW THE FEELINGS I HAD?
WHA– HOW DID YOU FIND OUT?
...
IT'S NOT LIKE I DO LIKE HER.
relieved
SO... WHAT DID YOU SAY?
I TOLD HER I'D THINK ABOUT IT
I DON'T DISLIKE HER, BUT –
BUT THE DAY HE CHOOSES SOMEONE COMES, I'D STILL ONLY REMAIN A 'FRIEND'.
SOMEONE.

I'D REMAIN IN A POSITION WHERE I COULD TOUCH HIM, BUT I CAN'T?
SO JUST LIKE THAT, UNTIL THE DAY I DIE,
THE DAY I DIE..
UNTIL
HOW COULD YOU JUST SAY YOU LIKE ME AFTER WHAT HAPPENED?!
SO THEN,
EVEN THOUGH...

EVEN THOUGH YOU THREW ME OFF!
IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU, WASN'T IT?!
YOU WERE GROSSED OUT!
I WAS JUST CONFUSED!
I WAS MAD THAT YOU-
YOU DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO TALK TO ME...!
HAH
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE UNDERSTOOD IT EVEN IF WE TALKED

I'VE JUST BEEN LISTENING TO YOU RUN YOUR MOUTH!
PUNCH
DON'T JUST DECIDE WITHOUT HEARING ME OUT!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
THE TWO YEARS THAT YOU WEREN'T NEXT TO ME —
DO I NEED TO SUFFER LIKE YOU DID FOR IT TO BE OKAY?!
DID YOU WANT ME TO SPEND MORE TIME WORRYING ABOUT IT?!

I
ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED... I ALWAYS WANTED YOU TO BE THERE BY MY SIDE FOR IT.
IT FELT LIKE THERE WAS A BIG HOLE...
I WANT THAT TO BE YOU!
THE PERSON I'LL LAUGH TOUCH, AND BE WITH
THIS IS PITY, RIGHT? YUN! —?
YOU'RE ONLY LIKE ME AS A FRIEND~
SO~
PULL

NOT AS FRIENDS...!
PUSH
THESE LAST TWO YEARS,
I'VE BEEN DATING OTHER GUYS
I'VE BEEN...

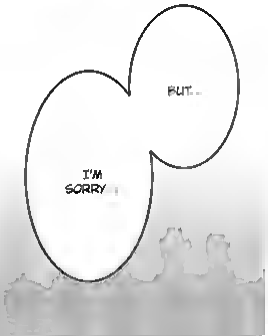
I HAD FORGOTTEN
ALL ABOUT YOU
THEN-
-TE YOU
WHY DID YOU COME TO THE SAME UNIVERSITY AS ME?!
IF YOU REALLY WANT ME GONE, JUST SAY IT TO ME STRAIGHT!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU
I HATE-

I DID-
SUCH A HORRIBLE THING...!
...

I THOUGHT WE'D NEVER MEET AGAIN
I TRIED TO FORGET...
BUT I COULDN'T—

I TOOK A GAMBLE AND CAME TO THIS UNIVERSITY
AND IF I HAD MET YOU AGAIN...

MAYBE YOU'D LET ME STAY WITH YOU AS A FRIEND
AND IN THAT CASE I'D REALLY JUST REMAIN FRIENDS WITH YOU THIS TIME, FOR SURE


BUT...
I'M SORRY...

I LIKE YOU, YUN!...!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I LIKE!

WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING!
...!

I ALSO
LIKE YOU...

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